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## **Watershed Working Lands Summit: Better Water Quality Through Better Government Collaboration**

**October 26-27, 2004  
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza 300 J Street  
Sacramento, California 95814**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2004 – Setting the Stage:**

***“If We Keep Doing What We Did; We’ll Get What We’ve Got...”***

9:30 AM      **Welcome:** Art Baggett, California State Water Resources Control Board

9:45 AM      **Meeting overview:** Glenda Humiston, facilitator

10:00 AM      **The Importance of this Meeting:** A panel of Federal, State and Tribal leaders provide perspectives and views on aspects of collaboration and partnerships.

- What are the drivers at the State level? ...other levels?
- Have “partnerships” worked well for planning? ...for implementation?
- What strategies will enable us to work better as partners?

Moderator: **Robbi Savage**, Executive Director, ASIWPCA

Panelists:      **Terry Tamminen**, Agency Secretary, California-EPA  
                    **Wayne Nastri**, Regional Administrator, USEPA Region 9  
                    **Rosendo Treviño III**, State Conservationist, New Mexico  
                    **Moses Squeoch**, Environmental Manager, Yakama Tribe, and Vice  
                    Chairman, National Tribal Environmental Council (invited)

11:00 AM      **Working Lands Case Studies:** successes in the field.

Moderator: (TBD)

(4 presentations, 15 minutes each). Presenters:

- Utah CAFO/EQIP experience: **Randy Parker**, Chief Exec. Officer, UT Farm Bureau
- San Joaquin Valley (CA) Air Quality program: **John Beyer**, State AQ Coordinator, NRCS
- Tualatin River (OR) TMDL: **Sonja Biorn-Hansen**, Oregon DEQ
- Fort Peck Reservation: **Deb Madison** (invited)

*These speakers will focus on same questions as previous panel but from a more “local” perspective and with emphasis on implementation on the ground*

12:15 PM

**Working Lunch: “Working Better as Partners”** (Pre-selected Groups)  
*Groups will consider questions and views from previous panels and compare with their own understandings and viewpoints. Groups will identify 3-4 key strategies that will enable “working better as partners” and report on these.*

- 2:15 PM                   **BREAK     (Poster Session begins)**
- 2:45 PM                   ***Innovations Showcase: “CA Case Study—A Focus on Irrigated Lands and Water Quality”***  
Moderator: **Celeste Cantu**, California State Water Resources Control Board
- Panel of representatives from conservation districts, agriculture agencies, environmental agencies, environmental groups, and agriculture industry will present views and insights on the new program.*
- 4:45 PM                   ***“Realizing the Promise of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act: How Implementation of the Conservation Provisions Measure Up”***  
Speaker: **Craig Cox**, Executive Director, Soil and Water Conservation Society
- 5:50 PM                   ***Innovations with Working Lands -- Reception and Poster Session:***  
Non- traditional practices, approaches and projects under way in the States
- 7:00 PM                   **ADJOURN**

### **Wednesday, October 27, 2004**

- 8:30 AM                   ***Overcoming Barriers and Strengthening Collaboration*** (Small Group Sessions)  
Groups organized by issues from the previous day identify key opportunities and challenges to collaboration (at all levels), and possible alternatives to deal with these as well as action steps needed. Groups report to full audience.
- 10:00 AM                   **BREAK**
- 10:30 PM                   ***“A Case for Change”*** Keynote Speaker: **Charles “Chuck” Ahlem**, Undersecretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- 11:00 PM                   ***Development of State Strategies*** (Groups organized by geographic area)  
Participants discuss how to target recommendations to improve collaboration and partnerships for their state and/or region, including specific actions to be pursued.
- 12:30 PM                   ***Working Lunch “Moving to Action: State Strategy Enhancements”***  
Group reports and discussion of next steps and actions needed.
- 2:30 PM                   **ADJOURN**

